6th month 28th 1846

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Esteemed Friend I thaught as Thee has shown so Much kindness towards me & have been some wat perplexed in mind in regard to those Frames that are now lost I thaught it due Thee to inform Thee that I am fully sensible of thy kindness in endeavouring to obtain the lost frames I thaught Thee might think I Reflected a litte on Thee & those connected with Thee in that Godlike enterprise on account of your not complying with the request made in the Letter sent by our mutual friend Edwin Fussell if you do banish it away in a moment. I made the request at the time in good faith not that I considerd you bound to pay but I thaught you might sustain part of the loss. I now regret making that request. I find there has been some misunderstanding in regard to my object in sending the Frame I will explain I long ago conceived The idea that Massa--s was in advance of all other states in ~~the~~ Progressive abolitionism & those that led the way in the old Bay State where of the true stamp) ~~which~~ which fact has been fully confirmed in my mind for a long time). I felt like doing something to assist those Brave men & women & wat to do I did not know Poor in Pocket nothing in the shape of wat T Parker says the Pro Slavery people of Boston worship as a third par of the deity I hit upon haveing some Frames made of wat was

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left unburnt of the wood kind of Penn Hall I
accordingly wrote Thee & I think Stated my
purpose Thee gave directions in part wat
Size to have them made I neaver intended to
give the Frames not that I had not the
will for I had that but to let you have
them at the makers price my trouble
the wood I gave as free as I ever gave a
meals victuals at my under ground railroad
Depot the passing Bondman I neaver
expected to reap aney pecuniary proffit but
that you should & instead of being a proffit
it has been a sourse of Bother & perplexity to
you I regret it, now to conclude if Thee
has been to aney expence write me & I will
find some way to forward it to Thee
Now Maria The old Frames are gone & if
urging on our Anti Slavery car we should
have occasion to correspond with each other
I hope it will be some other toppic more
Interesting than the Frames have been. cant
Thee come & attend our State meeting to be held
in august Next at old Kennett come & my
word for it Thee Shall be treated well
for old Kennett Friends can do that thing
as the Boy said the right way Now consider
this an invitation or a call if it is not from
the Lord it is from the Slaves friend I
dont think the Slaves true friends are far
from Christs ~~fold~~ fold. Edwin Fussell mentiond
that Thee offered to send me a number of the
Standard & Liberator I take the Standard &
Freeman & am now engaged obtaining subscribers
for The Standard with some success if I

could devote more time than I do I could get a number of subscribers after my hurry is over I will set about it in earnest, as it regards the Liberator I long have wanted it cant afford to take it I feel some delicacy in accepting it under present circumstances you have been to to much trouble with me already but if you have a number to spare I will accept it & try & render some service to the cause for it. my wife & Children are all well hopeing this may find Thee the same I subscribe myself
thy friend & well Wisher Edwin H Coates

To Maria W Chapman

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N B I did not know of J L Jones writing to the nor his object untill after he had writen his object I dont yet know E H C

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